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From: Partridge, Charles [Partridge.Charles@epa.gov]
Sent: 3/10/2020 1:28:45 PM
To: Greene, Nikia [Greene.Nikia@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Following up on my phone call earlier...

Wow. This is too good. I will be reaching out to talk to him.

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On Mar 10, 2020, at 7:19 AM, Greene, Nikia <Greene.Nikia@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Tony,

Nice to meet you and It is great to have professor like you that encourages students to not take science for granted and the word of any independent researcher (i.e. do your research before forming an opinion/conclusion). Thank you!

I have copied Charlie (EPA Risk Assessor) and Lynn (CDM Risk Assessor) in case they want to way in.

Attached is a presentation and summary figures we gave at the Butte Silver Bow Board of Health meeting on Feb. 5, 2020. Also, we are currently drafting a letter to the Journal proposing a retraction and will be interested in your student results from this project. Please keep us posted and reach out if you need any additional support.

Thanks,

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From: Tony Hartshorn [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]
Sent: Monday, March 09, 2020 6:29 PM
To: Greene, Nikia <Greene.Nikia@epa.gov>
Subject: Following up on my phone call earlier...

Hi Dr. Greene:

As I mentioned in my voicemail earlier, I was chatting with Roger Hoogerheide recently after he guest-lectured for my Soil remediation class. After I mentioned what I've come to call the "Meconium metal muddle" (the McDermott et al. publication in the fall), he chuckled and said, "You should just reach out to Nikia."

So here I am. As I also mentioned in my voicemail, I've asked my students to prepare fake memos to an EPA remedial manager, supporting or opposing the request that the journal retract the McDermott et al. article. Of course their memo had to assemble evidence in support of or opposing the notion. Here is the table they are to assemble in teams.

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In a lecture several weeks back now, I outlined what I was able to see with meconium studies from Turkey (Turker et al. 2013), Taiwan (Jiang et al. 2014), and Canada (MIREC; Arbuckle et al. 2016). I also previewed at least 2 additional articles (Lall et al. 2005, Haram-Mourabet et al. 1998) that were locked behind paywalls, even with MSU's subscriptions.

I'm guessing you & your office have prepared some type of literature review that contextualizes some of the results provided in the McDermott et al. paper. Would you be willing to share that with me as I evaluate these student essays the week after our Spring Break (week of March 23)?

(If not, no worries.)

I'll look forward to meeting you in person at some point!

Tony

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